

HOUSE RESOLUTION 41

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate educator Anita Ellis on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Anita Ellis is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis is taking her much-deserved retirement this year, bringing to a close an illustrious three-decade career devoted to serving the youth of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Anita Ellis's tenure as an educator began in 1990, when she accepted an interim position at Westmoreland Elementary School, teaching the first grade; the following year, she taught seventh-grade English at Portland Middle School before returning to Westmoreland Elementary, where she taught first grade for eight years from 1992 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Ms. Ellis accepted a position at Clyde Riggs Elementary School teaching the first grade; she remained in this position until 2015, the same year she earned her master's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, from 2016 to 2019, she served as head of the Children's Department at the Hendersonville Library; since 2019, she has served Gate View Elementary School as a Title 1 reading teacher, from which position she will take her retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, Anita Ellis is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellis serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Anita Ellis truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Anita Ellis on the occasion of her retirement, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.